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Claude W. Hicks, Jr.
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD
Began Service: 1986
Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Richard L. Hodge
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Mercer 1977 JD
Began Service: August 26, 1993
Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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Education: Emory 1993 JD
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G. Mallon Faircloth
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1999
Term Expires: June 30, 2007



Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Chambers of Magistrate Judge G. Mallon Faircloth continued**Staff**

Staff Attorney **S. Elisabeth Wood** (706) 649-7860
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Robert F. Hershner, Jr.
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Mercer 1966 AB, 1969 JD
Began Service: December 1, 1980

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Mercer University (1982-1984)

Legal Practice: Associate, Adams, O'Neal, Hemingway & Kaplan (1972-1976); Partner, Kaplan & Hershner (1976-1980); Counsel, Georgia Legal Services Corporation

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1975)

Current Memberships: Georgia Bar Association; Macon Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **J. Alvin Brown** (478) 752-3505
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John T. Laney III
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Legal Practice: Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

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James D. Walker, Jr.
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Augusta 1970 BA; South Carolina 1974 JD
Began Service: November 3, 1993
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

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Number of Judgeships: 11

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Orinda D. Evans
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Duke 1965 AB; Emory 1968 JD; Virginia 1998 LLM
Began Service: August 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Emory University Law School (1974-1977)

Legal Practice: Associate Partner, Fisher & Phillips (1968-1969); Partner, Alston, Miller & Gaines (now Alston & Bird) (1974-1979)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Atlanta Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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Harold L. Murphy
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1927
Education: Georgia 1949 LLB
Began Service: August 9, 1977
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: State Representative Harold L. Murphy (GA), Georgia General Assembly (1951-1961); Assistant Solicitor General, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1956)

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit (1971-1977)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1948-1958); Partner, Howe & Murphy (1958-1964); Partner, Howe & Murphy (1964-1971)

Military Service: United States Navy (1945-1946)

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